



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. 1

City Manager Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Valerie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: April 27, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Issue

Should the City Council authorize the Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program; if awarded will provide the Police Department \$26,784.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the purpose of purchasing 16 radios to replace aging radios in all of their public safety vehicles?

Conclusion and Recommendation

Based on our research, Staff is recommending that the City Council authorize the Police Department to submit their application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Background

The Auburn Police Department is continually working to improve the safety, operations and efficiencies of patrol services, while utilizing technology to enhance safety and improve operational effectiveness. This effectiveness includes tools that will improve communications to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of persons involved in criminal activity. This grant will assist in updating our aging radios within our vehicles with funding available from a USDOJ-OJP grant, and the ability to expand and roll out additional radio system upgrades as funding becomes available.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the landmark American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"). As one of its many elements, the Recovery Act provides the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement (including support for hiring), to combat violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime, and to support youth mentoring.

Specifically, under this solicitation, USDOJ-OJP will be making awards to assist local and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are: to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize State and local

government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Proceed with Staff Recommendation
2. Do not proceed with staff recommendation

Fiscal Impact

If awarded, the funds will be distributed to the City of Auburn prior to any purchases. Based on the estimated cost of the 16 radios, the Police Department budget will have to cover an additional \$288.00.

1 RESOLUTION NO. 09 -
2 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION
3 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
4 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JAG)
5 FOR REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE RADIOS
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7 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

8 That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby ratify and
9 approve the Auburn Police Department's application to the U. S. Department
10 of Justice – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program (JAG) 2009
11 grant solicitation. Requested funds allow for replacement of outdated public
12 safety vehicle radios currently in use. These outdated radios limit
13 communications with neighboring agencies and fail to meet new FCC
14 Interoperability mandates requiring compliance by 2012. JAG funds in the
15 amount of \$26,784.00 enable the department to purchase sixteen vehicle
16 radios and system hardware. The Police Department will provide an additional
17 \$288.00 from the 2009/2010 budget for 100% funding of the project.

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19 DATED: April 27, 2009

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J. M. HOLMES, Mayor

22 ATTEST:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

24 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
25 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
26 Council of the City of Auburn held on the 27th day of April 2009 by the
27 following vote on roll call:

28 Ayes: Holmes, Hanley, Nesbitt, Powers, Kirby
Noes:
Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

